



Welcome to the Full Circle Newsletter

Now Accepting Applications to Serve on the TWAR Steering Committee

As I am sure you all know, the Tribal Waste & Response Steering Committee is one amazing group of people. They are all working on the front lines for Tribal Nations and Native Villages, and have deep expertise in Superfund, emergency management, USTs, solid waste, and brownfields. They not only work closely with us here at ITEP (helping us plan the annual TLEF – see below), but they also communicate Tribal professional’s concerns and perspectives throughout the year in many meetings with US EPA as well as through their annual Priorities Document.

We are currently accepting applications from Tribal professionals who would like to be considered for a spot on the TWAR SC. [Please visit their website](#) where you’ll find the application, which you can download. The completed application, as well as a resume and up to three reference letters should be sent to todd.barnell@nau.edu. The deadline is June 2, 2023.

Serving on the TWAR SC is a lot of responsibility, and it can also be a lot of work. But this group is also the most caring and dedicated people I’ve worked with. They have made the TWAR SC not only an incredibly effective tool for Tribal professionals – they also created a real family. If you’d like to be considered for one of the positions open this year, be sure to visit their site and fill out your application.

Registration Opening Soon for the TLEF – and We’re Accepting Session Proposals

We are currently accepting proposals for sessions to the 2023 TLEF. [Visit our TLEF website](#) where you can access our online proposal submission form and also learn more about the TLEF, which this year takes place in **on Onondaga land in Syracuse, New York, August 14 through 17.**

We’ll be opening registration soon, and will also provide you with a link so you can make reservations at the host hotel at a special, reduced, rate. This year’s TLEF will be a hybrid event. You can attend in person for \$175, giving you access to all onsite events and sessions. You can also attend virtually for \$25. All sessions will be live streamed and recorded, and these can be accessed by all attendees, whether they are attending virtually or in person.

Currently, we’re working with colleagues at the Onondaga Nation, other Nations in the areas, and friends at the Haudenosaunee Environmental Task Force and US EPA Region 2 to bring you this year’s TLEF. We’re very much looking forward to seeing you this August – either in-person or virtually!

Events, Webinars and, Opportunities

Did you miss our special presentation **on Critical Minerals for the Tribal Superfund Working Group?** Visit our [Tribal Lands Assistance Center’s](#) page listing past TSFWG presentations, where you can watch that recording as well as several others.

We also have a special [Waste & Response media](#) page, which has 28 distinct channels on all the media we focus on (click on the “28 channels” tab). You can also visit the [ITEP website](#) to

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access our recording. You'll find recordings from the past three TLEF's (including [Robin Wall Kimmerer's opening plenary](#) from 2020), special webinars and online discussions we've coordinated, and some new resources for online tools, like the [UST Finder](#).

From Disaster to Recovery: Smart Tools for Disaster Debris will be presented by the US EPA on April 13 at 3 pm Eastern. After natural disasters, it's really important to manage the debris effectively so that the community can get back to normal as quickly as possible. This presentation will talk about the tools and models made by the EPA that can help people make critical decisions about how to estimate, move, and organize debris during disaster response. You can register for this webinar [by clicking here](#).

We've talked to many of you about interest in **Developing Solar on Landfills and Other Contaminated Lands**. There are some interesting updates on these kinds of project. New [Tutorials for the RE-Powering Mapper](#) are designed to help you identify potential sites for solar development that align with your community's vision and needs. The [Benefits Matrix](#) showcases hundreds of examples of successful renewable energy projects including a solar project developed by a small municipal government, the Town of Tremont, Maine. Tremont's 153 kW solar project transformed a capped landfill into the first municipal solar installation on Mount Desert Island, the largest island off the coast of Maine and home to Acadia National Park. The community created the nonprofit organization A Climate to Thrive (ACTT), which prioritizes both local ownership and rooftops as well as disturbed and otherwise unusable land, limiting ecological disruptions, and ensuring that projects build local equity and maximize capacity.

Those of you who attended the 2022 TLEF may have had the chance to participate in our "Night At the Museum", where we had a special film showing of **Restoring Néške'emāne. Well, this film is now available online!** This film was a collaboration between KSU Tribal TAB and the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, Dr. Laurel Smith, from University of Oklahoma, and Loren Waters, a Tulsa-based independent filmmaker and citizen of Cherokee Nation and the Kiowa Tribe. You can watch the film by clicking [here](#).

Funding opportunity: DOT Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant for Tribes - Apply by May 19. The [US Department of Transportation \(DOT\) Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration](#) has announced funding for [Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness for Tribes](#). The grant program assists tribes in developing, improving, and carrying out emergency plans within the [National Response System](#) and the [Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act](#). Some Region 10 tribes have used these grants in the past to partner with federal partners on spill response planning and to provide training to tribal response members. [Read the press release](#). [Apply](#).

Tribal UST Boot Camp at Oneida Nation - The Oneida Nation UST Compliance Assistance Program is once again doing their outstanding Tribal UST Boot Camp at Source University in Arlington, Texas, June 27-29, 2023. First consideration is given to facilities within the Oneida Reservation, Tribes in Wisconsin, and in EPA Region 5, but they have availability to accommodate approximately 20 additional attendees. Travel scholarships are available to Tribes. Registration closes May 24, 2023. [Click here to register](#).